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SUBJ: LA MANANA COMMENTS ON THENEW DIALOGUE

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1. IN A FEBRUARY 2 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE END OF THE NEW DIALOGUE" THE CONSERVATIVE LA MANANA TERMS THE TRADE ACT "DISCRIMINATORY, AGGRESSIVE, AND PROFOUNDLY DAMAGING" TO CONTINENTAL SOLIDARITY.

2. LA MANANA CONTINUES: "WE CONSIDER (THE CANCELLATION OF THE BA MFM) HIGHLY SATISFACTORY BECASUE IT EXPRESSES CONCRETELY THE LATIN AMERICAN ASPIRATION FOR AN AUTHENTIC DIALOGUE, WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS CASE BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE PARTIES, THE U.S., HAD ALREADY DECIDED ITS FOREIGN COMMERCIAL POLICY. IN SPITE OF DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS AND THE DECLARATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THIS POLICY CAN ONLY BE MODIFIED BY MEANS OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAW, WHICH MUST BE VOTED ON BY CONGRESS AFTER AN UNAVOIDABLY TROUBLESOME PROCEDURE WHICH MAY TAKE A VERY LONG TIME. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORST TRADITIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NEW DIALOGUE HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A MERE MONOLOGUE BY

THE U.S. IT WAS HARDLY SUITABLE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE SUMMONED TO LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ALREADY KNEW AFTER READING THE TEXT OF THE LAW AND TO FIND OUT ABOUT DECISIONS ALREADY MADE."

3. THE EDITORIAL STATES THAT IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE, ALTHOUGH NOT JUST, THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE OPPOSED TO THE "ECONOMIC LI-

BERATION"OF THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. "BUT THAT OTHER UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE PRODUCERS OF CHEAP RAW MATERIALS AND THE MARKET FOR CONTINUALLY MORE EXPENSIVE MANUFACTURED GOODS,SHOULD TAKE SIDES WITH THE SUPER POLERS AGAINST THEIR BROTHERS IN MISERY AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT IS AN ENIGMA DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE."

4. LA MANANA CONCLUDES: "IN THIS FAST-CHANGING WORLD, OUR DESTINY IS NOT TO BE FOUND AMONG THE OLD SCHEMES THAT ARE COLLAPSING. AS BRAZIL, MEXICO, AND VENEZUELA HAVE SHOWN US LATIN AMERICA HAS A ROLE TO PLAY, AND WILL FULLY DEVELOP IN THENEXT CENTURY. HERE, AND IN NO OTHERPLACE, IS WHERE OUR FUTURE LIES."

5. COMMENT: TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE U.S. DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE OAS WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, SCHEDULED TO HAVE BEGUN IN MONTEVIDEO FEB 3.
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